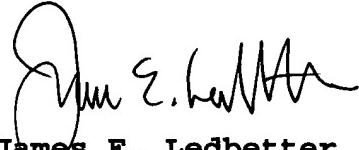


REMARKS

This amendment removes references to plural dependent claims in claims 10 and 13 without referring to such claims in the alternative (see 37 CFR 1.75 and MPEP 608.01(n)), thus removing improper multiple dependencies and avoiding the multiple dependent claim fee.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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